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Hilton Christian Church

Weekly eNews— Thursday, April 28, 2022

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Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

Apr 28-29 Ceci Mazaitis

May 05-06 Steve Givens

May 12-13 James Reeder,
Ceci Mazaitis

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 11:00 am

HCC Zoom Prayer Meetings

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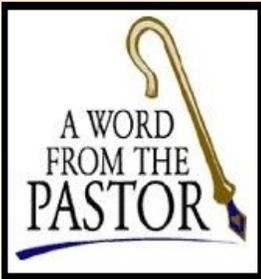
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All articles, photos, event dates etc. for inclusion in the weekly eNews **MUST** be submitted to the office **no later than 8:00 am each Monday** in order to be sure to allow enough room and plan placement. Submit photos as a jpeg attachment. Call me if you have any questions. Carol



Prayer Requests during Worship

In order to protect the privacy of anyone for whom a request is made, I ask that you make those requests in writing before 10:55am Sunday morning. There are prayer forms in the narthex by the last supper sculpture for your convenience. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Pastor's Vacation

I am on vacation from May 2-14. I will be in the pulpit on May 1. I will be attending the Eid Friendship Dinner on May 2 to celebrate the end of Ramadan with our Muslim friends from the Rumi Fellowship.

While I am away, please, address pastoral concerns to your parish elder or to Steve Givens as the head of elders.

Other church concerns should be addressed to Nancy Sharkey as the board chair.

I will be visiting the states of Washington and Montana. The goal of this vacation is to see friends and family and be renewed in their presence. I look forward to being back in time to celebrate the end of fiscal year events.

May 8

I am excited that the elders will be handling the Sunday that I am away. Deb Whitley will be preaching. Steve Givens will be elder and Gina Stump will be handling the other parts of the service that I normally cover. I hope everyone will make an effort to be in church that Sunday in order to support the elders, but also because I am convinced that the Spirit will be moving powerfully that day.

—*Blessings, Pastor Natalie*



USED BOOK SALE

April 29—May 1, 2022

WHERE

HILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
100 James River Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

TIMES

Fri-Sat, April 29th & 30th
10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, May 1st
Noon to 4:00 pm



Stewardship Campaign 2022-2023

Pledges due May 1, 2022

Scan to set up
regular
donations or
submit a one
time donation



LGBTQIA+ GROUP 4/29 @ 7:30 PM

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AND HELP US PLAN OUR PRIDE EVENT IN JUNE



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100 JAMES RIVER DR
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

*As a well spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used
brings happy death. — Leonardo da Vinci*

When most people recall Jonathan Swift's novel, *Gulliver's Travels*, they think of the land of Lilliput with its diminutive inhabitants. Yet, Lilliput is not the only strange land the peripatetic Gulliver visits. One of the most chilling scenes is his visit to the land of Laputa.

There he encounters a tragic tribe of humanity known as the *struldrugs*. "Struldrug" is the name given by the Laputans to certain of their own people who are born with an unhappy curse: *they will live forever*.

Whenever a baby is born in Laputa, the first thing the mother looks for — even before she counts the fingers and toes — is a distinctive dark birthmark on the infant's head. If she sees no such birthmark, she rejoices. If the birthmark is present, then the mother and her kin begin mourning immediately, for this child will never die.

The difficulty is that, while struldrugs never die, they still continue to age. Struldrugs live a more-or-less normal life until they surpass 100 years or so, after which they experience dementia and all manner of physical infirmities. Eventually, they become little more than hollow husks of human beings — aimlessly wandering the countryside, howling in pain from arthritic joints that no longer work, minds emptied of all memory and personality.

The Bible teaches us that there is a wonderful alternative to the experience of the fictional struldrugs. No one wants to live forever with aches and pains, weakness of mind and body. That's what death is: a release from these sorrows. But death is not the end of life! It is rather a portal that sends us to our new heavenly home, where, according to Revelation 21:4, God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more."

Now we can understand why the apostle Paul says in his letter to the Philippian church: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ... I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you (1:21, 23-24).

Yes, to "be with Christ" is "far better"!

—Timothy Merrill with Carlos Wilton

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the promise of an eternal home. But until then, may I be your faithful servant. In your name. Amen.

**Liturgy for Worship
Third Sunday of Easter
Consecration Sunday
May 1, 2022**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation & Call to Worship

Ceci Mazaitis

ONE: To you, O God, we cry for help.

ALL: From you, O God, come health and healing.

ONE: To you, O God, our praises ascent.

ALL: From you, O God comes joy in the morning.

ONE: To you, O Go, our souls give thanks..

ALL: Thank you, O God, we dance in joy.

Congregational Hymn “*Amazing Grace*”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Consecration of Commitment Cards

Hillary Lane-Ramirez, James Reeder

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

Sermon Amazing Grace

Pastor Natalie

Communion

Communion Hymn “*In Remembrance of Me*”

Meditation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Ceci Mazaitis

Communion Distributed

Words of Institution

Benediction

Postlude

Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed